



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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### **18 VAC 41-10 – Board for Barbers and Cosmetology Public Participation Guidelines Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation May 31, 2002**

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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 9-6.14:7.1.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 25 (98). Section 9-6.14:7.1.G requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

### **Summary of the Proposed Regulation**

The newly combined Board for Barbers and Cosmetology (board) proposes to promulgate the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology Public Participation Guidelines which replaces the separate Board for Barbers Public Participation Guidelines and the Board for Cosmetology Public Participation Guidelines. The proposed regulations differ from the current regulations by allowing the board to accept requests from individuals to be placed on the public participation notification list via electronic means, and to send regulatory notifications to list members electronically. Currently, only written requests and mailed notifications are permitted.

## **Estimated Economic Impact**

Under the Administrative Process Act, all state agencies that promulgate regulations are required to maintain public participation mailing lists containing the names of all parties that have registered an interest in a particular regulation. Membership on these lists typically includes members of the regulated community, public interest groups, law firms, and individual citizens with an interest in a particular area of regulation.

There are no clear disadvantages associated with allowing interested parties to use electronic communication rather than mail for joining the notification list and for receiving notifications. Individuals may choose to remain on the traditional mailing lists, which will continue to be maintained by the Board. If electronic notification and comment becomes more prevalent, there would be a reduction in printing and mailing costs incurred by the board. In addition to the potential fiscal benefits, these changes also allow the board to increase the speed of notification and the amount of information readily available to interested parties, which will increase efficiency and may enhance public participation.

## **Businesses and Entities Affected**

The proposed changes will affect individuals and organizations interested in the work of the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology. The approximately 56,700<sup>1</sup> barbers, cosmetologists, nail technicians, instructors, shops, salons, and schools, as well as their clients may have interest in the regulations.

## **Localities Particularly Affected**

The proposed regulations potentially affect all localities in the Commonwealth.

## **Projected Impact on Employment**

The proposed changes to this regulation are not anticipated to have a significant effect on employment.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation

## **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

The proposed changes to this regulation are not anticipated to have a significant effect on the use and value of private property.